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Birkholz receives Legislator of the Year award

LANSING – Sen. Patty Birkholz was honored Tuesday as “Legislator of the Year” by the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, was presented this award for her support of Michigan’s manufacturing industry. Birkholz, as chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, has successfully balanced the needs of the business community with strong stewardship of the state’s natural resources, according to the MMA.

The “Legislator of the Year” award is a cumulative honor presented to a state representative or senator who has provided essential leadership in regard to manufacturing issues over his or her public policy career. The 2004 award winners were chosen by MMA’s Government Affairs Advisory Committee, and were honored at the MMA Legislative & Executive Reception, held May 10, 2005, at the Country Club of Lansing.

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